

Fallacies Which Still Prevail in the Public Mind—Interesting Side-lights on the Making of That Great Document. It Was Not Signed On the Fourth of July at All—Nor Did the Liberty Bell Peal Forth On That Day—The Writing of the Declaration and the Signing — Facts Given On Authority of the Accredited Historian of Department of State.

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"The Virginia Bill of Rights, of which George Mason was also the author, was drawn up and adopted in the last colonial assembly in Virginia prior to the revolution. The Bill of Rights is in effect a part of every constitution in the land today. It is beyond doubt

Imously voted upon, contained the initial declaration of independence of the American colonies and were the precursor of that more formal instrument framed a few days later by Thomas Jefferson.

"It was as a result of the favorable voting upon Lee's resolutions that the well known committee, composed of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and

"Th. Jefferson gives this writing desk to Joseph Coolidge Junr. as a memorial of affection. It was made from a drawing of his own, by Ben Randall, cabinet maker of Philadelphia, in which he first lodged his family, in the city of New York, on the river, in this city in May 1776, and is the identical one on which he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Politics, as well as Religion, has its superstitions, these, gaining strength with time may one day give imaginary value to this relic, for its association with

THE BROADSIDE PRINTED ON JULY 4TH FROM JEFFERSON'S MANUSCRIPT DRAFT OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The birth of the Great Charter of our Independence.

"Monticello, Nov. 18, 1825."

The Government of State also owns the first draft of the Declaration which was written by Thomas Jefferson for its approval. His conferees made a few alterations, which are clearly visible in the original. The original is written beside each change the name of the writer, and the date of the alteration. The making of these alterations is of inestimable value. Of this first copy

referred draft he naturally made a copy for presentation to Congress.

"While the rough draft of the Declaration is in the hands of the committee it is in the hands of the government, it is to be deplored that the copy which he has made is not the original, but a copy which bears the congressional name and stamp."

The latter is the formal Declaration.

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the verbal declaration of a group of early American contemporaries, whom Gladstone declared were unequalled in the history of the world. However we view it, it furnished the most dramatic incident in American history."

Special Correspondence of The Star.

George, was appointed to the office, with unfortunate results to himself. For when he offered himself for reelection to parliament, as is necessary when a member of the cabinet takes a new post, he failed—failed three times in fact, and has not been able to get back into parliament since. As for Winston Churchill, he is known to have received great assistance at the admiralty from A. J. Balfour, his successor in the post, so perhaps the lightness of his new duties will enable him

THE OFFICES OF THE
They are close to Waterloo bridge, and
chancellor of the duchy, though in
most of his supposed duties.

DUCHY OF LANCASTER.
may be visited occasionally by the new
reality permanent officials will perform

For the Albany street police station, close to which Edna May lived when first in London, the sum of \$750 is paid

Year. The source, on tradition here, says that the crown has been increasingly accountable for these curious assessments of ground rentals and the value of certain rights.

From London, let us take ourselves to the Isle of Man, which prides itself on its ancient laws and customs. The town of Ramsey, the seat of the Bishop of Thomas Hall Caine. The town commissioners of Ramsey, one of the chief places there, rent from the crown a

It is over forty years since the private individuals who have obtained the right to pay \$10 a year for his rights.

Individuals a lot of other crown possessions of anything but a lucrative order, and if King George manages to get the crown lands out of the other landholders, have a difficulty in many cases in getting in any rent at all, and would have to make a year

to its own laws and setting up its own courts, which had full jurisdiction except in matters that concerned life or limb. The duchy had, in fact, what might be called a "tin constitution," which distinguished it from the rest of the kingdom. It was divided into four "Stanneries," of whom which were elected the stannary parliament. The jurisdiction of this parliament is now vested in a town warden, but the inhabitants still grow to feel the loss of this

GEORGE ADE, Chicago's famous slang specialist, said the other day:

"English slang is very popular now that the war is on. You must be careful, however, how you use it.

"At a swimming race at the shore last week a very pretty girl swimmer wore a maillot—or man's suit, you know—a tight maillot of black jersey

"Oh! Where?" she asked, in horrified tones.

